

North Canton City Council  
Community & Economic Development

Resolution No. 4 -2015

A resolution expressing the Mayor and the Council of the City of North Canton's opposition to Issue 3, Proposed State Constitutional Amendment, which if passed by a majority of voters on the November 3, 2015 general election ballot, shall amend the Constitution of the State of Ohio, thereby granting a monopoly for the commercial production of marijuana and permit the retail sale of recreational marijuana at approximately 1,100 locations statewide.

WHEREAS, residents of the City of North Canton will be asked to vote on a statewide ballot proposal to legalize marijuana for recreational and medical use. This proposal will appear on the November 3, 2015 general election ballot as Issue 3;

WHEREAS, Issue 3 will amend Ohio's Constitution and grant ResponsibleOhio, a small group of wealthy investors, the exclusive right to commercially grow, manufacture, and sell marijuana and marijuana-infused edibles, and in so doing, utilize Ohio's Constitution to create a monopoly and establish a legal cartel;

WHEREAS, we believe legalizing marijuana for medical use should not be decided by voter initiative, but should be subject to the same research, consideration, and study as any other potential medicine under the standards of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration;

WHEREAS, legalizing the recreational use of marijuana will adversely affect North Canton workplaces and burden our small businesses by negatively impacting workplace safety and productivity, as well as increasing employer liability, and make it more difficult for North Canton to recruit drug-free employees;

WHEREAS, Issue 3 would strip North Canton's right, as home-rule, charter municipality, from amending its zoning laws to restrict stores selling marijuana from entering our neighborhoods;

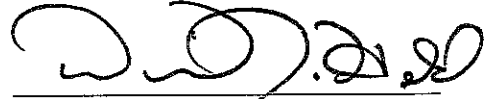
WHEREAS, North Canton is devoted to supporting and protecting its youth and ensuring families should not have to contend with their children facing increased drug exposure and the consequences thereof, that legalizing marijuana for recreational use would bring to our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH CANTON, COUNTY OF STARK, AND STATE OF OHIO:

- Section 1. That the Council and the Mayor of the City of North Canton oppose Issue 3 and affirm their belief that marijuana legalization for recreational purposes is not in the best interest of our community. Recreation use of marijuana is bad for our children, schools, families, and businesses. We encourage our residents to VOTE NO on Issue 3.
- Section 2. That if a provision of this ordinance is or becomes illegal, invalid or unenforceable, that shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of this ordinance.

Section 3. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the health, safety and peace of the City of North Canton, and further necessary to protect our children, families, workforce—our City—from increased exposure to drugs, and the consequences thereof, which would result from legalizing marijuana for recreational-use purposes; wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of six or more members of Council elected thereto, this resolution shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon its adoption by Council and approval by the Mayor. Otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

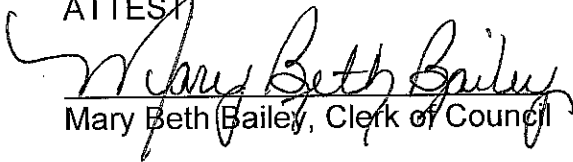
Passed in Council this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015



David Held, Mayor

Signed: 10/19, 2015

ATTEST



Mary Beth Bailey, Clerk of Council